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| For: HIGHLY-STRUCTURED SILICA |) | |
| HAVING A LOW WATER UPTAKE, |) | |
| PREPARATION METHOD |) | |
| THEREOF AND USES OF THE |) | |
| SAME |) | |

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2009, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows: